

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

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The present invention relates to a novel method for providing and maintaining a dimensional reduction of a mineral wool product by making a package ~~as defined in claim 4~~. The invention also relates to a novel apparatus for packing a mineral wool wherein a dimensional reduction is obtained and maintained, ~~as claimed in claim 12~~. Additionally, the invention relates to a novel dimensionally reduced mineral wool product ~~as defined in claim 21~~.

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According to a preferred embodiment, the dimensional reduction is essentially maintained by evacuating the mineral wool product enclosed by the foil to an ~~extend~~ extent where the difference between atmospheric pressure and the internal pressure within the package comprising the mineral wool product enclosed by the foil corresponds essentially to that applied by the mechanical compressing means.

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According to yet another embodiment of the invention, the foil may be wrapped closely and tightly around the mineral wool and the foil is then sealed without actively applying a vacuum. After release of the mechanical compression the package will expand slightly and a vacuum is generated inside the package ~~securing~~ ensuring that no further expansion of the package will occur. Evacuation may be carried out using an air suction pump.